What is claimed is:

1. A method for identifying spatio-spectral features of one or more objects comprising the steps of:

    a. collecting one or more hyperspectral datacubes of a first set of one or more objects;

    b. building a spectrometric model from said hyperspectral datacubes;

    c. illuminating a second set of one or more objects with energy-weighted spectral bands that relate to the model in step (b) using a tunable light source;

    d. measuring the energy resulting from the illumination in step (c); and

    e. using the measurements in step (d) to identify spatio-spectral features of the illuminated object(s).

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said tunable light source comprises a spatial light modulator.

3. A device for identifying spatio-spectral features of one or more objects, comprising:

    a. means for collecting hyperspectral datacubes;

    b. means for building spectrometric models;

    c. tunable light source means;

    d. means for illuminating one or more objects with energy-weighted spectral bands that relate to spectrometric models; and

    e. means for measuring the energy resulting from illumination by said means for illuminating.

4. The device of claim 3, wherein said tunable light source comprises a spatial light modulator.

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